Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to the first portion, on what is that answer based?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: On the report of the Tahsildar. He made enquiries.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: For the latter portion?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The same report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is the Hon'ble Member for Revenue aware that this land now has got a standing Puncha crop?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I am not aware.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue be pleased to look into that question this year.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: Is this same Krishna Ayyar who is given charge as Diwan Peishkar?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is he not the person who was in last September subjected to very many questions in this House?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Very many baseless questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Now, Sir, it is stated that "being the proper claimant" on what is this portion based? What is his claim?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: According to the Land Revenue Manual if a property is acquired for a public purpose and if that is not required for that purpose and if it is to be re-assigned it must be given to the person to whom it belonged, from whom it was taken at the price for which it was acquired. This property belonged to Mr. Krishna Ayyar and it was taken from him. Therefore he is entitled now as per rules to get back the property.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it the position of the Government that this land was acquired from Mr. Krishna Ayyar.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Again is that the position of the Government. Then please understand it is not.

Mr. President: Order. Order. That is a most improper observation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, if so I will withdraw my statement. Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to look into the question whether or not it is very same Mr. Krishna Ayyar from whom this land was acquired.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I will look into that question. It is registered in his brother's name who is in Burma. And Mr. Krishna Ayyar is looking after his estate.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Does the Hon'ble Member know that this land was acquired from one Ayyath Karunakara Menon?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No.

PRICE OF GINGILI

647. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the very high price of gingili and its oil in the State;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the price of gingili in Travancore is much higher than that now prevailing in the State?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) The prices for gingili and its oil are now about three and a half times the pre-war rate. These cannot be considered to be very high in view of the increase of prices for other articles.

(*b*) Yes. The Travancore price for gingili is about Re. 1 per maund higher than in Cochin State.

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

648. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there any principle underlying in re- nominating some of the members of the out-going Food Advisory Committee, to the newely constituted Food Advisory Committee;

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